

# Exhibit 5

**From:** [FOIPAQUESTIONS](#)  
**To:** [Ron Park](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIPA Request Nos: 1438055-000, 1438058-000, 1438059-000, 1438061-000  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 3, 2019 4:16:01 AM

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Thank you for your inquiry regarding the status of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy (FOIPA) request. A review of your request has determined the following:

The requests are presently in Initial Processing, where the assigned analyst is searching for, retrieving and reviewing potentially responsive records.

Requests are processed in the order in which they are received through our multi-track processing system. Requests are divided into two primary tracks--simple (under 50 pages of potentially responsive documents) and complex (over 50 pages of potentially responsive documents). Complex requests are further divided into medium, large, and extra-large sub-tracks based upon request size. Simple track requests typically require the least amount of time to process. Currently, simple track cases average approximately 138 days from the date of receipt for processing. Our complex requests in the medium processing track are currently averaging 571 days, large processing track are currently averaging approximately 1,289 days, and extra-large processing track are currently averaging 1,649 days for processing.

The search for responsive records is ongoing for your request, so we do not yet know into which track it will fall. The estimated date of completion is therefore based on the average processing time of complex requests in the large processing track. Accordingly, the estimated date on which the FBI will complete action on your request is 1,289 days from the date the FBI opened your request. Once the search has been completed, you may request an estimated date of completion.

Additional information regarding the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy is available at <http://www.fbi.gov/> or <http://www.fbi.gov/foia/>. If you require additional assistance please contact [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov).

Please check the status of your request online at <http://vault.fbi.gov> by clicking on the "Check Status of Your FOI/PA Request" link. Status updates are performed on a weekly basis and usually updated towards the end of the week.

Respectfully,

**Public Information Officer**

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Do you have further questions about the FOI/PA process? Visit us at <http://www.fbi.gov/foia>

Please check the status of your request online at <https://vault.fbi.gov/fdps-1/@@search-fdps>

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**Note: This is a non-emergency email address. If this is an emergency, please call 911 directly. If you need to report a tip for immediate action, please contact FBI Tips at <http://tips.fbi.gov/> or reach out to your local field office.**

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**From:** Ron Park [mailto:RPark@friedmanrubin.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2019 3:12 PM

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**Re: FBI FOIPA Request Nos. 1438055-000, 1438058-000, 1438059-000, 1438061-000**

To FBI FOIPA:

On May 23, 2019, I submitted a FOIA request through the FBI's eFOIPA portal. On June 3, 2019, I received acknowledgement that my request had been received along with four tracking numbers for my request (see above). 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6) requires that an agency respond to any request within 20 days (excepting weekends and public holidays) after receipt of the request and inform the requester of its determination. By my count, the 20-day period expired on July 1, 2019, yet the FBI's FOIA Request Status page does not clearly state whether my requests have been granted or denied. Rather, it continues to state: "The FBI's FOIPA Program is searching the FBI's indices for potentially responsive documents. You may be contacted via formal letter for all fees and/or negotiation issues that may apply." However, the Status page also indicates that it was last updated on June 26, 2019, which indicates that the status of my requests may have changed in the interim.

Are you able to advise whether a determination has been made, and if so, what that determination is? If no determination is forthcoming, we intend to file a complaint pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § (a)(4)(B) seeking an order to produce the requested records.

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